Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, released the following statement today in response to an Inspector General report that criticized the Department of Veterans Affairs for abuse of authority and \$24 million in inappropriate bonuses.

"I am disappointed to learn that certain employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs have rewarded themselves at the expense of the men and women who served our country," Congressman Adler said. "While our veterans wait for reimbursements and wade through stacks of paperwork, employees at the VA are receiving enormous bonuses and handing out favors to friends. Our veterans deserve better than this."

Congressman Adler has consistently called on the VA to address the lack of oversight and transparency at the federal agency.